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Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. of: Jonathan S. Stinson

Art Group: 3738

Serial No.: 08/904,467

Examiner: Suzette Jackson
(Prior Appl.)

Serial No.: (New Application)

Filed:

Atty. Docket: 23,369-129

For: Process For Making Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.53(b) for filing a Divisional Application (Divisional) of copending prior application Serial No. 08/904,467, filed August 1, 1997.

A. Copy of Prior Application as filed

I verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified application as originally filed, including the following items:

specification – 33 pages;
claims – 6 pages;
abstract – 1 page;
informal drawings – 14 sheets; and
declaration and power of attorney (signed) – 2 pages.

B. Amendments

Cancel in this Application original claims 2-29 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. A preliminary amendment, accompanying this divisional application, confirms this instruction and also cancels claim 1.

C. Title

1. The title of the original application is:

“Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent”

2. The title of this application is:

“Process for Making Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent”

D. Identification of Inventors

1. The name and correspondence address of each original inventor:

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Plymouth, Minnesota 55487

2. Name and current correspondence address of each present inventor:

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E. Inventorship

This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application. The inventorship remains the same.

F. Waiver of Confidentiality

It is understood that confidentiality under 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby waived to the extent that permitted access to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a continuing application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, results in similar access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

G. Declaration

A copy of a Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed. See item A above.

H. Assignment

An assignment of the original application was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office August 1, 1997 on Reel 8657 beginning at Frame 0563.

I. Power of Attorney

1. The most recent Power of Attorney in the prior application was filed May 13, 1999, appointing: Luke R. Dohmen, Registration No. 36,783; Peter J. Gafner, Registration No. 36,517; Robert M. Rauker, Registration No. 40,782; Todd P. Messal, Registration No. 42,883; David L. Cavanaugh, Registration No. 36,476; Patricia LaMarche-Davis, Registration No. 37,866; Mark J. Casey, Registration No. 37,796; and William J. Shaw, Registration No. 43,111; and further appointing Frederick W. Niebuhr, Registration No. 27,717; John F. Klos, Registration No. 37,162; and Andrew D. Ryan, Registration No. 39,351 as attorneys/agents to prosecute the application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

A copy of this Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith.

2. Direct all future communications regarding this application to:

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J. Small Entity Status

Not applicable.

K. Formal Drawings

A copy of sixteen sheets of formal drawings is enclosed.

L. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION

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| Basic Fee (Large entity) | \$710.00 |
| Number of independent claims, minus 3 = 0 times \$80.00 | 0.00 |

Total number of claims in excess
of 20 = 0 times \$18.00

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Total Filing Fee

\$710.00

M. Fee Payment

A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

N. Authorization Regarding Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this Rule 53 filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-0449.

O. Petition for Suspension of Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment

Not applicable.

P. Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119

Not applicable.

Q. Reference to Prior Application(s) - 35 U.S.C. 120

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence: -- This is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 08/904,467 entitled "Bioabsorbable Self-Expanding Stent", filed August 1, 1997.

See Item S below as to copendency.

R. Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application

Not applicable.

S. Copendency of Applications

The prior application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid.

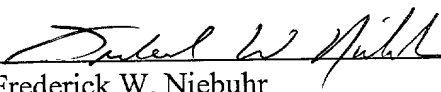
The prior application is expected to issue in due course. Please assign to this divisional application a filing date to insure its copendency with the prior application.

T. Information Disclosure Statement

No information disclosure statement is being filed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Schneider (USA) Inc

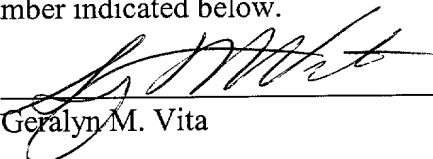
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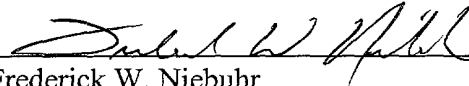
1. Request for Divisional Application consisting of 5 pages;
2. Copies of the following items from the Original Application:
 - a) Application text;
 - b) Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition;
 - c) Informal Drawings;
3. Formal Drawings (16 sheets);
4. Preliminary Amendment, consisting of 8 pages;
5. Check in the amount of \$710.00; and
6. Return Receipt Post Card.

Please charge any further fees necessitated by this correspondence, or refund any overpayment, to
Deposit Account 12-0449.

Please direct any questions or comments to Frederick W. Niebuhr at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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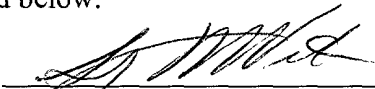
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